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(b) whether it is a fact that the posts were not advertised;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Public Service Commission was not consulted in making the appointments;

(d) the names, caste, age, educational and other qualifications of the men selected for the posts;

(e) whether it is a fact that the Muslim community and other backward communities are excluded while selecting the nominees; and

(f) whether it is a fact that the communal ratio is not being observed in making the new appointments that are created by the present Government; and if so, why?

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" (a) Sixteen.

" (b) Yes.

" (c) Yes.

" (d) Besides the 16 posts newly created, there were three other vacancies also. The names, etc., of the 19 persons appointed to these posts are given in the statement [a] placed on the table of the House.

" (e) The answer is in the negative.

" (f) Except in the case of three appointments where persons already in Government service have been posted as Inspecting Assistant Textile Commissioners, the other appointments have been made on contract for a period of one year from the date of appointment. The communal rule is not applicable to such appointment. The Government, however, selected the officers from the different communities in the Province."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I know why not even one from the Ceded districts has been included? "

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" I am not sure; I think the subsequent list that is coming includes this."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" From the statement placed on the table of the House, I find that most of the Inspecting Assistant Textile Commissioners are lawyers and not one of them seems to possess textile qualifications; may I ask whether any attempts were made to get persons with textile qualifications? "

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" Attempts are being made."

ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" May I know whether the Hon. Minister does not feel that Muslim representation is inadequate? "

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" Wait and see."

Appointment of Law Officers.

* 94 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(a) whether the appointment of Law Officers in the City and the mufassal is subject to age restriction;

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(*b*) whether the age restriction applies to the Public Prosecutors and Government Pleaders in the districts;

(*c*) whether the Government have at any time relaxed the age restriction in respect of any appointment of Public Prosecutors; and if so, whether it was a general or special relaxation;

(*d*) what the consideration was which prompted the Government to permit these relaxations;

(*e*) whether the High Court or the District Magistrates and the District Judges concerned were consulted before giving such exemption; and if so, whether they favoured relaxation; and

(*f*) whether the Government propose to transfer the selection of Public Prosecutors and Government Pleaders to the Public Service Commission?

THE HON. SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Except the Advocate-General, all other law officers of the Government in the City as well as in the mufassal, are required to vacate their office when they complete 60 years of age, unless the Government direct otherwise. In the case of law officers in the mufassal, the age-limit was 55 years till November last, when it was raised to 60 years. No upper age-limit has been prescribed in the case of the Advocate-General who, unlike the other law officers, is appointed by His Excellency the Governor in his discretion.

" (*c*) During the last three years, the Government have relaxed the age-limit for special reasons in certain individual cases; no general relaxation was sanctioned at any time.

" (*d*) The Government thought that the relaxation of the rule was necessary for the purpose of continuing the person in office owing to the exigencies of Government business.

" (*e*) In all such cases, relaxation of the age-limit was made on the recommendations of the Sessions Judge and the District Magistrate concerned.

" (*f*) The answer is in the negative."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether cases of relaxation are special and not general? "

THE HON. SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" It is only special and specially intended for the individual concerned."

Schools for the training of clerks and village officers.

* 95 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether schools for the training of clerks and village officers have been started by Government; and if so, what the number of such schools and the number of candidates so far trained are;

(*b*) what the expenditure incurred so far has been on these projects;

(*c*) whether it is proposed to continue these schools;